

MaxScale

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MAXSCALE LICENSE EVOLUTION

GPLv2 (2013) → BSL (2016) → Commercial (2025) — the end of transparency



BSL versions supported until 2032
Auto-convert to GPLv2 on schedule — no panic

ProxySQL as alternative
Open-source R/W split, cache, failover, pooling

MariaDB invented BSL then abandoned it — trust is hard to rebuild

Plan your dependency — the change is real but the transition is gradual

Introduction

MaxScale is a MySQL proxy that provides a variety of features to improve the performance and availability of your MySQL database.

2013-2016 GPLv2 MaxScale is licensed under GPLv2, which is a copyleft license. This means that any software that uses MaxScale must also be licensed under GPLv2. This was a common practice for open-source software at the time, and it allowed MaxScale to be used in a wide range of environments, including commercial ones.

2016 BSL MariaDB Corporation introduced the Business Source License (BSL) in 2016. MaxScale 2.0 was licensed under BSL. BSL is a license that is designed to be more flexible than GPLv2, but it still has some restrictions. For example, it prohibits the use of the software in certain commercial contexts. This was a significant change for MaxScale, as it meant that the software could no longer be used in all environments.

2025 MaxScale 25.01 is licensed under a commercial license. This means that the software is now closed source and can only be used in commercial environments. This is a significant change from the previous open-source model.

MaxScale 21.06 is licensed under BSL. This version of MaxScale is the last version that is licensed under BSL. It is important to note that BSL is a license that is designed to be more flexible than GPLv2, but it still has some restrictions. For example, it prohibits the use of the software in certain commercial contexts. This was a significant change for MaxScale, as it meant that the software could no longer be used in all environments.

License Evolution

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BSL 2.x and **24.x**

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MaxScale 21.06 GPLv2

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MariaDB plc 公告

1. **MaxScale** MariaDB Oracle AWS BSL

2. **BSL** BSL GPLv2

3. 2016 BSL 2025 Redis MongoDB Elasticsearch MariaDB

ProxySQL 公告

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BSL 公告

